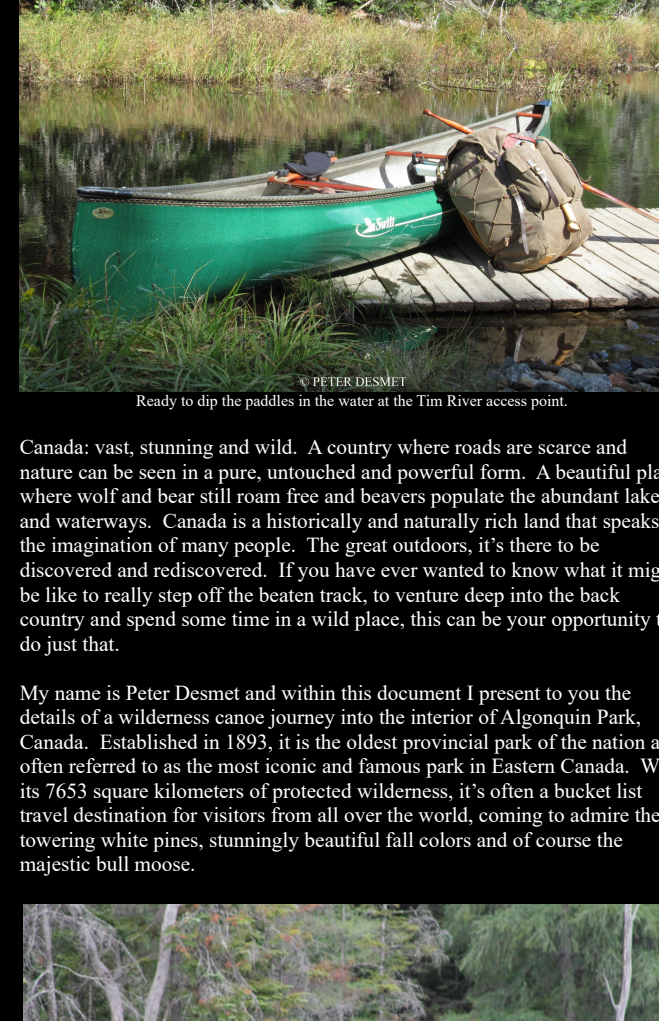


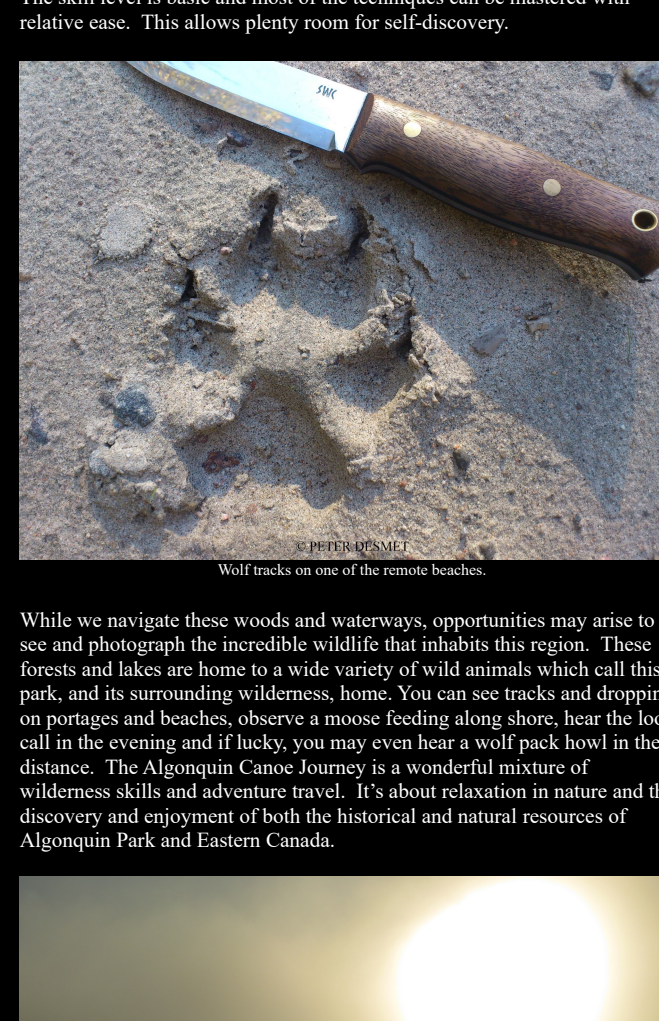
Algonquin Canoe Journey



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Ready to dip the paddles in the water at the Tim River access point.

Canada; vast, stunning and wild. A country where roads are scarce and nature can be seen in its purest, unadorned and powerful form. A beautiful place where wild and beautiful bears, moose and bison populate the abundant lakes and waterways. Canada is a historically and naturally rich land that speaks to the imagination of many people. The great outdoors, it's there to be discovered and rediscovered. If you have ever wanted to know what it might be like to really step off the beaten track, to venture deep into the backcountry and spend some time in a wild place, this can be your opportunity to do just that.

My name is Peter Desmet and within this document I presents you the details of a canoe and journey into the interior of Algonquin Park, Canada. Established in 1893, it is the oldest provincial park of the nation and often referred to as the most iconic and famous park in Eastern Canada. With its 7634 square kilometers of protected wilderness, it's often a bucket list travel destination for visitors from all over the world, coming to admire the towering white pines, stunningly beautiful fall colors and of course the majestic bull moose.



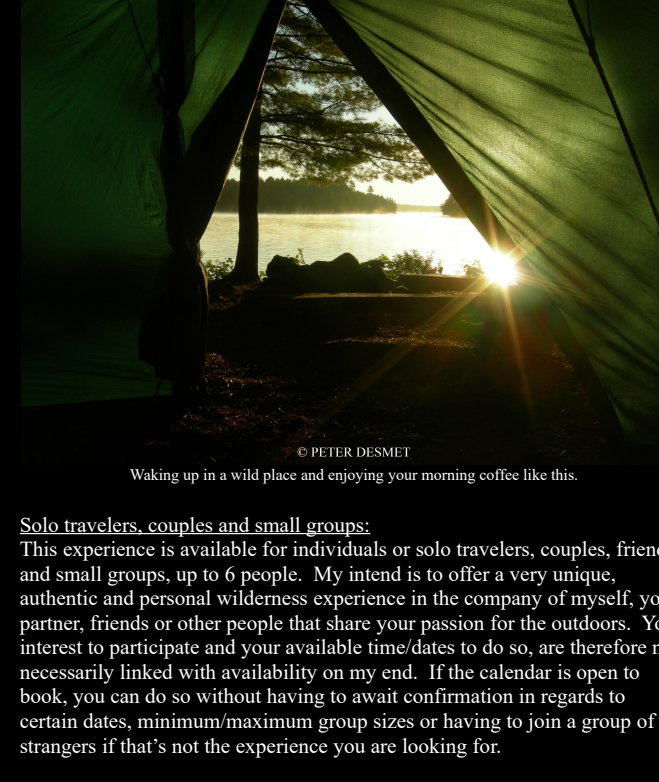
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The kind of river most folks look for.

Pick up a paddle and accompany me, as I guide you on this incredible adventure, exploring vast forests, deep blue lakes and beautiful winding rivers. Like the early pioneers, fur traders and voyageurs of past, we will travel on foot and by canoe, which is often the only way of crossing this remote interior country. This canoeing adventure will give you the opportunity to experience and observe the natural world from a different perspective. Allow yourself to be immersed in nature and for a moment in time, live and travel at a different pace. Paddle your canoe across abundant lakes and fish your trout on gorgeous streams. Enjoy the aromatic smells of the forest and listen to the sounds of waves rolling onto shore while the sun is setting in the distance and your evening meal is being prepared over the flames of a warming campfire. This is the life.



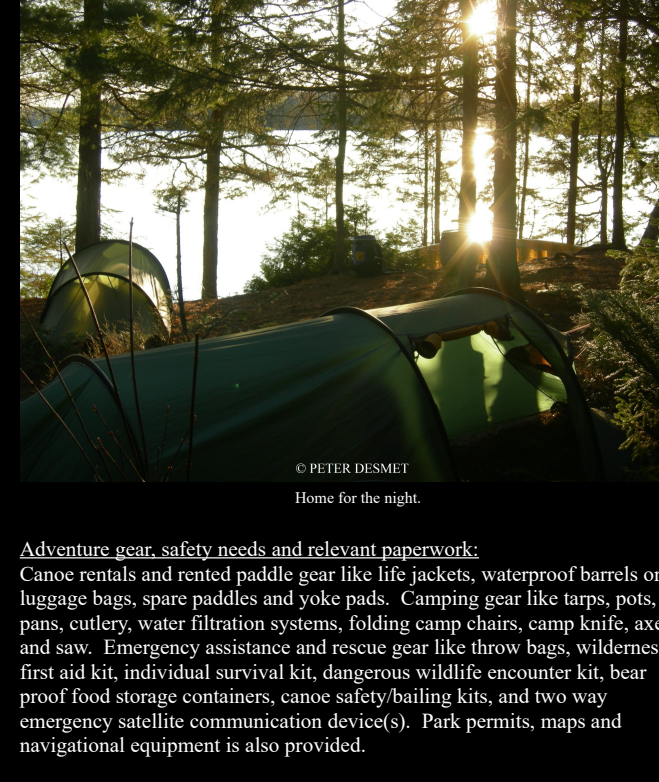
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Sausages and fresh veges for dinner on the first evening out.

During our adventure in the park, we will be completely self-sufficient and unsupported. Living and traveling as a close-knit group and using our muscles to propel ourselves forward, deeper into the wild and further away from civilization. Everything we need we will carry with us, with an emphasis on travelling light. Along the way you will have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with past and present day wilderness camping practices, useful and/or necessary to safely travel and explore an environment like this. The skill level is basic and most of the techniques can be mastered with relative ease. This allows plenty room for self-discovery.



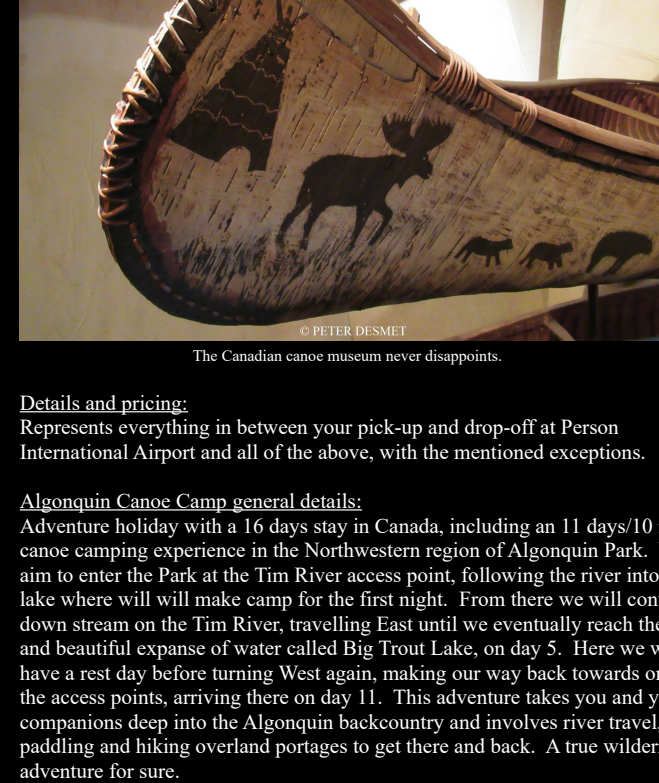
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Wolf tracks on one of the remote beaches.

While we navigate these woods and waterways, opportunities may arise to see and photograph the incredible wildlife that inhabits this region. These forests and lakes are home to a wide variety of wild animals which call this park, and its surrounding wilderness, home. You can see tracks and droppings on porches and benches, observe a moose feeding along shore, hear the loons call in the evening and if lucky, you may even hear a wolf pack howl in the distance. The Algonquin Canoe Journey is a wonderful mixture of wilderness skills and adventure travel. It's about relaxation in nature and the discovery and enjoyment of both the historical and natural resources of Algonquin Park and Eastern Canada.



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The beauty and tranquility of paddling into an early misty morning sunrise.

As your guide I will be able to share my knowledge and experiences gained on both a professional and recreational level while having lived, traveled and worked in this general area for just over 10 years now. This allows me to provide you with a higher degree of comfort, enabling you to relax more and safely enjoy what can be, for some, an intimidating first encounter with a wilderness environment. For others, with experience, having a guide along who's taking care of planning, logistics and the basic daily details in the field, may encourage them to take on a more challenging route and at the same time provide simple opportunities for hands-on learning and enhancement of their current skill level. Should all of this sound like something you want to be part of, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.



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A backcountry gourmet meal.

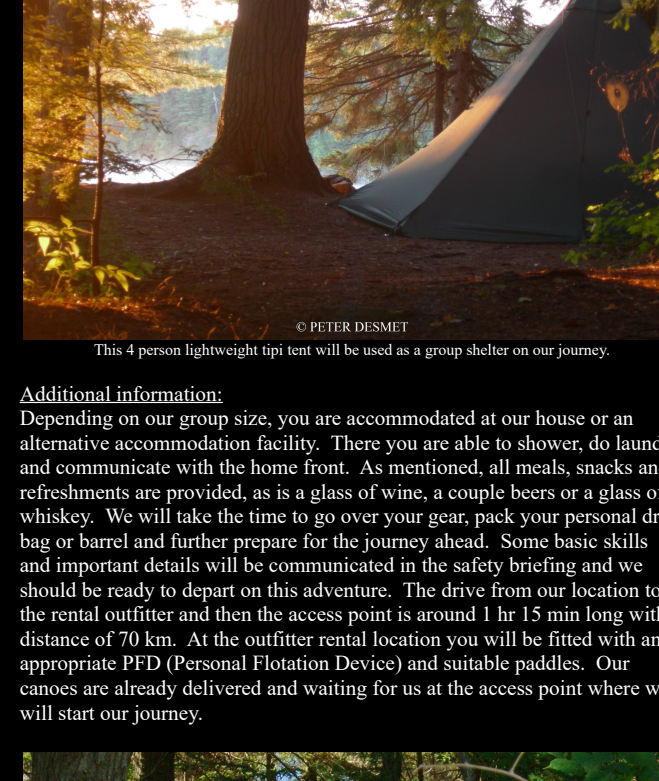
Below, I have provided further details and practical information with regards to the planning, organization and your participation in this Algonquin Canoe Journey experience.

Nature of the holiday and trip:

All inclusive adventure travel package, from the moment you arrive Toronto Pearson International airport (YYZ), to the moment you are delivered back there to prepare for your return flight home. This can happen in person or, depending on the group size, by means of an organized shuttle from the airport to designated drop-off/delivery point in the closest town near our location. From there you will be transported to our location and back to the airport on the day of your return flight.

Age and experience:

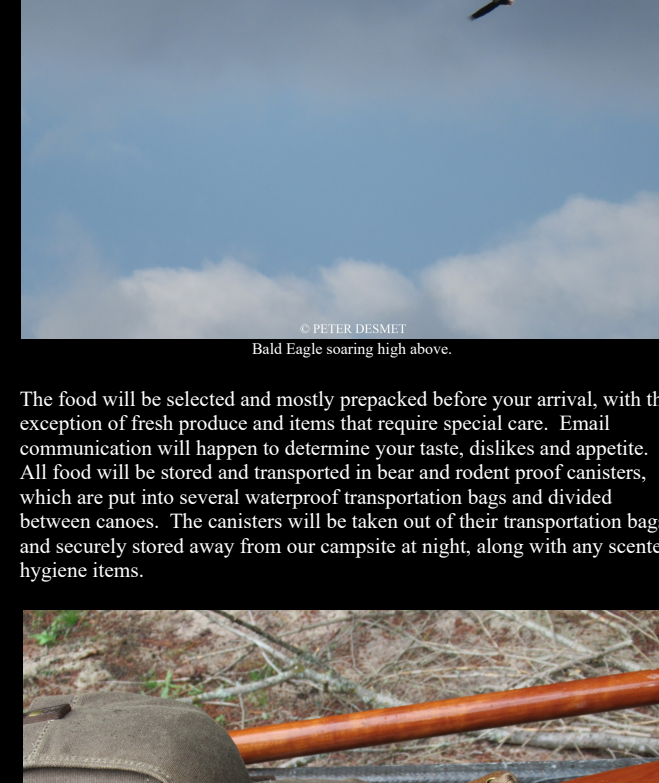
Everyone who is interested in joining this adventure is welcome to do so. However, having a positive mindset in a healthy body that's physically fit will greatly benefit your ability to truly enjoy this experience, which at times may be challenging for the unprepared. You don't need any previous outdoor experience to come along but, having some basic canoeing skills or water travel exposure is a must if you are part of a group. All participants are required to be able to swim and the minimum age for participation is 18 years old, unless you are accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian. Trip duration and intensity will be tailored to experience levels, wishes and desired outcomes.



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Learn how to make a fire with both modern day and historic tools.

Time of the year:

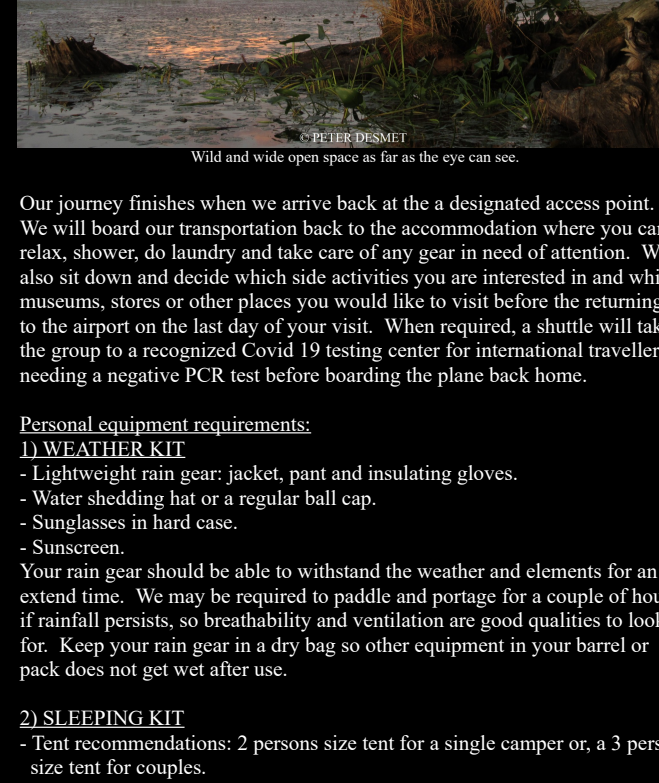
You can basically plan and book your participation from ice out to the beginning of freeze up. However, the most optimal time to undertake this adventure is from mid August to Mid October if you're looking for the best possible weather and water levels. West gate openings, with the least amount of biting insects. Other windows of opportunity are available in spring and early summer but do require an extra degree of planning and preparation to make your stay both safe and enjoyable.



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Waking up in a wild place and enjoying your morning coffee like this.

Solo travelers, couples and small groups:

This experience is available for individuals or solo travelers, couples, friends and small groups, up to 6 people. My intent is to offer a very unique, authentic and personal wilderness experience in the company of myself, your partner, friends or other people that share your passion for the outdoors. Your interest to participate and your available times to do so, are the factors that not necessarily linked with availability on my end. If the calendar is open to book, you can do so without having to await confirmation in regards to certain dates, minimum/maximum group sizes or having to join a group of strangers if that's not the experience you are looking for.



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Journeying into a wild place.

All transportation is included:

- from and to the airport
- from and to designated shuttle pick up points
- to and from our location
- to and from other predetermined accommodation facilities
- to and from the park
- to and from any locations of interest we visit during your stay
- to and from Covid 19 testing facilities for international travelers if required

All meals, refreshments and snacks are included:

- while at our location
- while at other predetermined accommodation facilities
- while in the park
- while traveling to and from any places of interest we visit during your stay



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Home for the night.

Adventure rental and safety paddle and relevant paperwork:

Canoe gear, safety paddle gear like life jackets, waterproof barrels or luggage bags, spray paddles and rescue kit. Camping gear like tents, pots, pans, cutlery, water filtration systems, folding camp chairs, camp knife, axe and saw. Emergency assistance and rescue gear like throw bags, wilderness first aid kit, individual survival kit, dangerous wildlife encounter kit, bear proof food storage containers, canoe safety/bailing kits, and two way emergency satellite communication device(s). Park permits, maps and navigational equipment is also provided.

Every participant will receive:

A one liter BPA free hard plastic wide mouth Nalgene water container before the trip and for every participant to keep. A wooden canoe paddle chosen in a local outdoor shop by any first time participant, prior the trip and in accordance to their taste and height build. This will become the participants personal canoe paddle to be used during this canoe adventure. Upon returning from the trip, the paddle(s) will be bubble wrapped in preparation for transport on the flight back home. The fee to be paid at the luggage check in is not included.

Participants are of course free to bring along their own personal tools and camping equipment should they happen to have such items in their possession and prefer to use their own. A detailed additional info and personal equipment list is provided below. The list details any personal camping gear needs in order for the participants to be comfortable and able to respond to weather or temperatures changes during this journey.

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Tents are up, canoes are secured, belles are full, a fire is burning and the sun has set.

Side activities:

Depending on the length of your stay here in Ontario, and the actual duration of the canoe trip within that time frame, a range of side activities can be arranged. Any admission fees or permits, if applicable, are included in the pricing. This could consist of a 3D Archery practice session at our location or visiting the West and East gates along Algonquin Highway 60 corridor. This also includes the Algonquin logging museum and visitor center, both located along this famous stretch of highway. There are also several outdoor shops located along the highways between Huntsville, Toronto and Mississauga, and the national historic site of Saint-Charles de la Cordilliere in Midland, the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough or the Aspen valley wildlife center. Participants communicate their preferred option beforehand so any necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate this.

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The Canadian canoe museum never disappoints.

Details and pricing:

Represents everything in between your pick-up and drop-off at Pearson International Airport and all of the above, with the mentioned exceptions.

Algonquin Canoe Camp general details:

Adventure holiday with a 16 days stay in Canada, including an 11 days/10 nights canoe camping experience in the Northwestern region of Algonquin Park. We aim to enter the Park at the Tim River access point, following the river into Timine Lake where we will make camp for the first night. From there we will continue down stream on the Tim River, travelling East until we eventually reach the large and beautiful expanse of water called Big Trout Lake, on day 5. Here we will have a rest day before turning West again, making our way back towards one of the access points, arriving there on day 11. This venture takes you and your companions deep into the Algonquin backcountry and involves river travel, lake paddling and hiking overland portages to get there and back. A true wilderness adventure for sure.

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Algonquin Provincial Park map in 1:16,720 scale, measuring 1cm on the map is 1,267 km on the land. Just let that sink in for a moment.

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The Northwest area of Algonquin Park with more detailed maps in 1:6,000 scale.

Algonquin Canoe Journey specific planning details:

Programming and time scheduling of day 1 and day 16 are subjected to change and determined by airline arrival and departure times. Subsequent travel times to and from our location and actual adventure departure and return times may also be influenced and adjusted accordingly if needed. An uninfluenced planning will be as follows:

Day 1: arrival in country, shuttle to accommodation, welcome dinner.
 Day 2: acclimatize, kit check and packing, gear familiarization, safety briefings.
 Day 3: load trip, shuttle to outfitter and access point, journey starts, trip day 1.
 Day 4: trip day 2.
 Day 5: trip day 3
 Day 6: trip day 4
 Day 7: trip day 5, rest day.
 Day 8: trip day 6
 Day 9: trip day 7
 Day 10: trip day 8
 Day 11: trip day 9
 Day 12: trip day 10
 Day 13: trip day 11, journey ends, shuttle to accommodation, shower, laundry.
 Day 14: R&R, shuttle to Covid 19 testing. As mentioned all meals, snacks and refreshments are provided, as is a glass of wine, a couple beers or a laundry of whiskey. We will take the time to go over your gear, pack your personal dry bag or barrel and further prepare for the journey ahead. Some basic skills and important details will be communicated in the safety briefing and we should be ready to depart on this adventure. The drive from our location to the rental outfitter and then the access point is around 1 hr 15 min long with a distance of 70 km. At the outfitter rental location you will be fitted with an appropriate PFD (Personal Flotation Device) and suitable paddles. Our canoes are already delivered and waiting for us at the access point where we will start our journey.

Additional information:

- Depending on our group size, you are accommodated at our house or an alternative accommodation facility. There you are able to shower, do laundry and communicate with the home front. As mentioned all meals, snacks and refreshments are provided, as is a glass of wine, a couple beers or a laundry of whiskey. We will take the time to go over your gear, pack your personal dry bag or barrel and further prepare for the journey ahead. Some basic skills and important details will be communicated in the safety briefing and we should be ready to depart on this adventure. The drive from our location to the rental outfitter and then the access point is around 1 hr 15 min long with a distance of 70 km. At the outfitter rental location you will be fitted with an appropriate PFD (Personal Flotation Device) and suitable paddles. Our canoes are already delivered and waiting for us at the access point where we will start our journey.
- USB stick I can transfer any pictures to the end of your stay.
- Fire blade knife or folding knife.
- Fire steeler or lighter.
- Fox 40 whistle on lanyard.
- Notebook and pencil (or all weather) pen.

You don't need to go out and spend a lot of money on equipment, unless you know what you want and need and plan to use it in the future. If you do, go for the best you can afford. Quality, lightweight and small pack size is the way to go. Otherwise, we will work with what you have and find a solution for what you lack, other than your personal stuff like clothing, sleeping gear and your boots. There is the option to rent from a local outfitter too. If you don't possess an item you need, you can always ask me for advice before you go out and purchase or, depending on the item, I may even be able to provide you with extra's I have laying around.

If you think there is something I can assist you with, shoot me an email. If you see something isn't mentioned on the list, and you think about bringing it, ask me or bring it anyway. A camp axe and saws are provided so you don't really need to bring your own, unless you want to. You are free to bring along any personal wilderness equipment you have and want to use, being mindful that all your gear needs to fit into your personal waterproof bag or barrel.

I hope this helps you further understand the nature of these trips. If you have any questions, concerns or remarks, please feel free to email me at wildernessskillsandoutdoorlife@gmail.com

Another option is to gather all questions and connect via a group Skype session.

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Lots of opportunities for camp crafts and learning new skills.

Additional info:

- * For safety reasons, participants with food allergies are required to be completely self-sufficient in regards to food and its preparation and need to make prior arrangements. Contact me for further details. Any and all personal medications need to be present. Within reason, some special or specific dietary request can be arranged. Depending on the nature of the request, the cost may be for the participant.
- * Included within our location or other predetermined accommodation facilities is alcohol within acceptable limitations. Any alcohol you wish to bring along on the trip, falls within the same guidelines but is not included in the pricing and can only be brought along using plastic containers, which is in compliance with the park's metal can and glass bottle ban.
- * Participants are requested to bring personal camping gear in addition to the camping gear provided in order for the participant to be comfortable and able to respond to weather or temperatures changes during this journey.
- * Any Covid 19 testing certificates and their related costs are not included in the event such requirements are made mandatory for travel.
- * A "release of liability waiver" has to be completed upon entering private property and before starting the journey.

Cancellation & re-booking:

- Upon expressing interest and prior to booking, any questions or further inquiries can be discussed by email, phone or during a Skype call.
- Deposits, equaling \$1500 CAD, which is tax included are to be transferred upon confirmation of participation and forthwith reservation of dates. Refunds are non-refundable but can be transferred to next reservation dates should the participant's initially selected dates become inconvenient and therefore cancelled.
- Total program fee or final balance is to be transferred not later then 4 months prior to the participant's arrival in Canada.
- Cancellations for any reason within 4 months of the scheduled trip dates are subjected to a 25% non-refundable fee, or the trip can be re-booked.

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